We believe that Cuba's internal situation (both political and economic) would be a worthwhile subject for discussion. For example, in 1976, the Cuban political structure completed a lengthy process of reorganization. As a result, Cuba today is strikingly different from the Cuba of the 1960s. New political institutions have been created and major changes in economic policies have been implemented. New elite groupings (such as the returning African veterans and the so-called "technocrats") are beginning to make their appearance and older members (principally the former members of the pre-Castro communist party) are aging. Loyalties forged during the revolutionary struggle against Batista are fading as institutional affiliations become increasingly powerful influences on the behavior of the leadership. After 20 years, the Castro regime has made great strides in social services such as education and public health, but major economic and social problems still exist. These problems are likely to be exacerbated by a "revolution of expectations" syndrome over the next decade as a post-revolutionary generation of Cubans makes increasing demands on a limited economic resource base.

We recommend the following academics be considered as participants. We strongly believe both Dominguez and Gonzalez should be invited. If there is room for a third participant, any of the remaining three would be equally desirable.

- -- Jorge I. Dominguez, Harvard University
- -- Edward Gonzalez, UCLA
- -- Richard Fagen, Stanford University
- -- Alfred Stepan, Yale University
- -- Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh

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